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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MARKETING BUREAU STILL STRONG

By Ron Olsen, Marketing Representative

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Marketing Bureau just lost a valuable member of its team in Administrative Assistant Jessey Ina-Lee, who served as editor of this Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report for the last 15 years and recently retired. Jessey was not only solely responsible for compiling and editing all the info for this publication, but was also the first line of communication for all who contacted the Marketing Bureau. We will miss her work but will continue with an interim editor for the CT Weekly Agricultural Report until we can fill Jessey's position. Thank you, Jessey, for all of your hard work and dedication. We hope you have a wonderful retirement!



This economic climate has been rough on many over the last several years and we want to alleviate concerns you may have regarding the status of the Marketing Bureau and its various programs that benefit you.

The bureau as a whole looks good in terms of retaining and continuing many of its important programs throughout the next year. Grant programs continue to be funded at this time and include the Joint Venture, Farm Reinvestment, Farm Transition and Farm Viability grants. This means that producers and towns can continue to apply for these grant programs and obtain funding to promote agriculture sustainability and increase the economic viability of farm businesses. Applications can be downloaded from our website, www.ctgown.gov (click on Programs and Services). The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is still being managed by us and we will continue to fund applications for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.

Programs such as Farm to School and Farm to Chef are going strong and more Connecticut farm businesses are being utilized as sources of local food for institutions, schools, restaurants, and other food service areas. We are continuing to work with producer associations on agricultural brochure publications and their distribution to the public. Farmers' markets continue to be an important component in our bureau as our staff works with farmers and towns looking for new markets and in improving existing markets. The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program serving WIC and seniors is still available through our bureau.

The department is also in the process of getting federally licensed by the USDA Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) to perform GAP/GHP audits. This is a voluntary, audit-based program that verifies adherence to the recommendations made in the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) [Guide to Minimize Microbial Food Safety Hazards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables](#). This program is not mandated by any government agency. Many institutions, wholesalers, and retail operations are now requesting farmers/processors they work with to get a third-party audit.

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

May 9, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	95-109
LARGE	89-103
MEDIUM	79-92

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., May 9, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt. (provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction)

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	40.00	50.00
61-75 lbs.	65.00	70.00
76-90 lbs.	75.00	80.00
91-105 lbs.	85.00	90.00
106 lbs. & up	95.00	100.00
Farm Calves	110.00	117.50
Started Calves	35.00	45.00
Veal Calves	85.00	125.00
Open Heifers	80.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	84.00	99.00
Feeder Steers	75.00	87.00
Beef Steers	84.00	89.00
Stock Bulls	113.00	135.00
Beef Bulls	91.00	95.50
Sows	One at	38.00
Lambs each	160.00	190.00
Goats each	65.00	145.00
Kid Goats each	None to	report
Canners	Up to	71.50
Cutters	72.00	75.00
Utility Grade Cows	76.00	85.00
Rabbits each	5.00	27.00
Chickens each	5.00	19.00
Ducks each	4.00	17.00

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

ARUGULA,12s,GA	21.50	21.50
BASIL,1lb,GA	8.25	8.25
BEETS, 25lb sacks,CA	42.00	42.00
BLUEBERRIES,12/ 6oz,GA	44.75	44.75
BOK CHOY,35lb,FL	37.75	37.75
CILANTRO,30s,CA	35.75	45.75
DAIKON,1-1/9bu,CA	40.50	40.50
DANDELION,Greens,12s,GA	22.25	22.25
GREEN BEANS,bu,FL	48.75	48.75
LETTUCE,Greenlf,24ct,CA	43.25	43.25
MUSHRM,Whf,10lb,lg,PA	25.50	25.50
ONION,Vidalia,40lb,GA	55.00	55.00
ORANGES,Navel,88ct,CA	38.75	38.75
PEPPER,Green bell,xl,FL	42.50	42.50
RASPBERRIES,12/6oz,CA	48.75	48.75
SPINACH,4lb,CA	18.50	18.50
STRWBRY,8/1lb CA	20.75	20.75
TOMATOES,10lb,md,FL	25.75	25.75

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, May 9, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80%lean	79.00-83.00	84.00	-86.00	75.00-78.00
Boners 80-85% lean	78.00-82.00	82.00-83.50	73.00-77.00	
Lean 85-90% lean	74.00-78.00	78.00-83.50	66.00-72.00	
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1	1485-2190 lbs	90.00-93.50		

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4 one-gal	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Macintosh,fcy,12/3lb	16.00	16.00
ASPARAGUS,24 bnch	50.00	50.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10lb,flm	4.50	5.00
FIDDLEHEAD, Fern,per lb.	5.00	6.00
LETTUCE, Boston,grnhse,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
SPINACH,12 bnch	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES,Grnhse,25 loose	12.00	16.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA,4lb bag,FL	13.00	13.00
BEANS, Green,bu,FL	24.00	26.00
BLUEBERRIES,md/lg,12/1pt,GA	26.00	27.00
BROCCOLI,14ct,CA	11.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Green,md,50lb,FL	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Nappa,50lb,FL	13.00	15.00
CANTALOUPE,9ct,GU	12.00	14.00
CHERRY,16lb,9-1/2 rows,CA	90.00	90.00
CILANTRO,24 bnchd,NJ	13.00	13.00
COLLARD,Greens,1-3/5bu,NJ	11.00	12.00
CUCUMBERS,1-1/9bu,md,FL	18.00	24.00
DANDELION, Greens,crate,NJ	17.00	17.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu,md,FL	12.00	15.00
ESCAROLE,1-1/9bu,FL	14.00	16.00
KALE,16-18s,NJ	11.00	12.00
KOHLRABI,1 3/5bu,NJ	16.00	18.00
LEEKS, 12s,NJ	24.00	26.00
LETTUCE,Greenlf,24ct, AZ	14.00	16.00
MUSHROOM,10lb,white,lge,PA	16.50	17.50
ONION, Vidalia,swt,40lb,GA	14.00	18.00
PEACHES,32ct,FL	23.00	24.00
PEAS,Snow,10lb,GU	13.00	15.00
PEAS, English,bu,FL	32.00	34.00
POTATOES,50lb,red,szA,FL	21.00	25.00
PEPPER, Red,11lb,xl,GH,CAN	24.00	26.00
PEPPER, Green bell,1-1/9bu,xl,FL	18.00	22.00
RHUBARB, 20lb,field,OR	40.00	40.00
ROMAINE,24CT,NJ	15.00	16.00
SQUASH, Green,1/2bu,md,FL	8.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

CALVES: All prices per cwt.

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1	95-125 lbs	180.00-212.00
	85-90 lbs	-140.00-155.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	85-100 lbs	270.00-310.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:		
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	40-60 lbs	230.00-242.00
	60-80 lbs	224.00-238.00
	80-90 lbs	224.00-239.00
	90-110 lbs	218.00-232.00
	110-130 lbs	211.00-225.00
	130-150 lbs	200.00-212.00
Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	40-60 lbs	208.00-225.00
	60-80 lbs	212.00-222.00
	80-90 lbs	209.00-223.00
	90-110 lbs	178.00-191.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh	120-160 lbs	90.00-105.00
	160-200 lbs	89.00-102.00
	200-300lbs	88.00-96.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	120-160 lbs	66.00-80.00
	160-200 lbs	63.00-78.00
	200-300 lbs	N/A

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	153-163
LARGE	143-150
MEDIUM	120-130

PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

May 9, 2011

Hay and straw market for eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	200.00-225.00
Mixed Hay	200.00-225.00
Straw	100.00-170.00
	Good
Alfalfa	160.00-200.00
Mixed Hay	170.00-200.00
Timothy	145.00-165.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	140.00-160.00
Mixed Hay	130.00-170.00
Timothy	130.00-150.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Monday, May 9, 2011

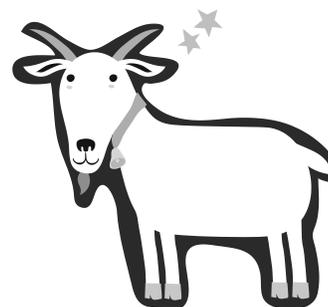
Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	62.00-65.00
	270-300lbs	60.00-64.00
	300-400lbs	60.00-61.00
45-49	300-400 lbs	44.00-49.50
Sows: US 1	300-500 lbs	44.00-48.00
	500-700 lbs	49.00-54.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	29.00-30.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS:

All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.

Kids: 40-60 lbs	132.00-154.00
	60-80 lbs 156.00-173.00
	80-90 lbs 174.00-186.00
	90-100 lbs N/A
	100-110 lbs N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	126.00-142.00
	130-180 lbs 130.00-146.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	184.00-191.00
	150 250 lbs 185.00-200.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

70-R. Hay, 1st cut \$4.00/bale. Feeder calves .90/lb live. Firewood, cut and split \$150/cord – you pick up. 860-916-9449.

73-R. Rye straw clean, seedless, excellent for garden mulch. Newly seed lawns, erosion control, animal bedding. \$5.00 per bale. 860-289-5188; 860-289-5055.

76-R. JD 1219 haybine-\$1500.00. Many extra parts, runs well, stored indoors. 860-437-7828; tomnancy8934@sbcglobal.net.

85-R. Good hay. Good prices. Round bales, wrapped, conventional and organic \$30.00 and up. Square bales: good hay \$4.50, mulch \$3.50. 860-429-9698 or 860-234-1605. Ask for Tom.

87-R. East Hartford 5 1/2 acre mini farm in town with adequate acreage to keep 3 horses or raise crops. \$289,900. Plainfield 141 acres 1700 ft road frontage, 3000 ft on Quinebaug River. Boarded by Quinebaug State Wildlife Management, nearly 1/2 crop land. \$1,095,000. Call Clint Charter, Wallace Tustin Tetreault Realty 860.558.3908.

91-R. Rye straw-green and combined, heavy bales with plastic twine. \$6.00 per bale. Volume discount. 860-729-3772 or 860-872-1035.

94-R. 5 ft Woods rotary mower, works good, needs welding or for parts & blades \$350. Aluminum Track Rack for 6' pickup bed, only used a few times, cost \$1,500 will sell for \$600, Perfect for long items-ladders, planks etc. 860-423-1347 or 617-308-3015.

98-R. Mill Creek 35 bushel manure spreader, new apron, top condition, Case 4 bar side delivery rake. Old barn came down, lots of oak and chestnut. Tel. 860-354-4659.

99-R. Old Maple Farm has some well-started chicks for sale. Excellent for backyard flocks. 860-599-0792.

104-R. Tomato stakes, tobacco lath, landscape beams, rough cut lumber. Staehly Products Co. LLC 860-873-9774.

107. Structural steel: Bar joists, I Beams. Enough for 50'X100' building. 860-546-9500.

108. 1986 GMC Brigidier 5th wheel tractor. Ford 5000 farm tractor. 860-546-9500.

109-R. 3 Jersey family cows looking for a good home. Will not separate. Hand or machine milk. Goshen. 860-601-0798.

WANTED

82-R. Wanted: 18.4-38 Radial tractor tire. Good condition. Call Bill @ 203-237-9400 or 203-641-2284 or wkogut@cox.net.

86-R. Scrap Metal Removal. Fully insured, prompt and reliable family business specializing in scrap metal cleanup. Looking for farms, nurseries, large properties, etc with quantities of scrap (cars, trucks, heavy equipment, farm machinery, etc) We have all the necessary equipment and experience to perform cleanups safely and responsibly. Increase your property values by cleaning up your old scrap metal. Call 860-798-4039.

110-R. Wanted: 1 Row Potato Digger, small grader, working. 860-749-7435. Leave message.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

106-R. Bulldozing in E. CT. Land clearing, ponds, especially for farmers. Don Kemp Excavating, 860-546-9500.

THIRD ANNUAL AMERICA'S FAVORITE FARMERS' MARKETS CONTEST

American Farmland Trust today has announced the third annual competition for *America's Favorite Farmers' Markets*, a nationwide contest that gives farmers' market customers the chance to vote for their favorite markets and show support for their local food communities.

In order to participate in the 2011 competition, newly enrolling farmers' markets are encouraged to register online at www.farmland.org/marketmanager. Online voting will take place from June 1 through August 31, when four winning markets—one large, one medium, one small, and one boutique—will receive the title of America's Favorite Farmers' Market for 2011. Winners will be featured on the leading food site www.Epicurious.com and will be honored at local celebrations, where they will receive prize packages from American Farmland Trust and its partners.

UConn 2011 SUMMER HORSE RIDING LESSONS

Dressage, Hunt Seat, Western & Polo: Lessons are open to the general public - children who are age 11 or older and adults. Beginner to advanced levels will be offered. There will be (4) 3-week sessions during the summer; \$210.00 to \$315.00 per session (visit website for Polo fees).

Trail Riding: Session I May 3, 5, 10, 12, 24 & 26; Session II June 20, 22, July 5, 7, 19 & 21; Session III August 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 & 25. Offered to the intermediate or higher level rider. Must be 13 years of age or older. The rider may choose Hunt Seat or Western style. Ride the UConn trail system and learn best practices including how to follow markings. \$270 per person.

For registration form, prices, and scheduling, please visit www.animalscience.uconn.edu. Forward questions to Kathy.Noyes@uconn.edu. First lessons begin in May. Registrants are urged to register quickly; classes fill fast.

USDA SEEKS TO FILL FIVE VACANCIES ON NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD

The USDA is seeking nominations to fill five imminent vacancies on the 15-member National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). Vacancies are for an organic producer, organic handler, consumer/public interest representative, scientist, and environmentalist. The NOSB is responsible for developing and recommending to the Secretary a proposed National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and advising the Secretary on other aspects of the organic regulations. Appointees will serve a 5-year term of office beginning January 24, 2012. Notice is posted on www.regulations.gov (enter keyword or ID "AMS-NOP-11-0006-0001"). Nominations are due July 17, 2011. For more information, contact Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7806 or Katherine.benham@ams.usda.gov.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK FARMER-TO-FARMER DISCUSSION MEETING/WORKSHOP

Organic and conventional dairy and livestock farmers are invited to the next Farmer-to-Farmer Discussion Group meeting on Monday, May 16, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Guilford, Vermont, hosted by the David and Mary Ellen Franklin family. These discussion groups bring farmers together to share experiences and information to help them improve their farms.

Embedded in the regular farmer discussion group session will be a focus on Holistic Planned Grazing, a form of Management intensive Grazing (MiG) that strives to optimize soil health & fertility, forage production, and livestock nutrition with high stocking densities and natural residue incorporation. Attending farmers will work with professional advisors, who are in a multi-year training program, to develop a grazing plan with the Franklins.

Lunch will be potluck. Contact Willie Gibson, willie@nofavt.org/ 802-535-9067, or Jennifer Colby, 802-656-0858/colby@uvm.edu.

CT POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING 5/31/11

The CT Pomological Society's first twilight meeting of 2011 will be held May 31, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. until dark at March Farms, 160 Munger Lane, Bethlehem. The tour will cover the greenhouse tomato operation, orchards (moving towards a pick-your-own operation), and the NEW hayloft playscape (kids welcome). A picnic dinner will be held at the pond-side picnic area after the tour. Directions to the farm are available at <http://www.marchfarms.com/Location.asp>. Tour is open to both members and nonmembers. RSVP Richard.Macsuga@ct.gov (preferred) or 860-713-2544.

CT GROWN PRODUCER LISTINGS AND BROCHURES

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture offers a variety of online listings on its [Publications](#) page. Applications currently being accepted include the following:

- 2011 Connecticut Agritourism
- 2011 Connecticut Farm Stands/Stores
- 2011 Connecticut Pick-Your-Own Farms
- 2011 CT Grown Dairy and Egg Producers
- 2011 CT Grown Honey Producers
- 2011 CT Grown Meat Producers

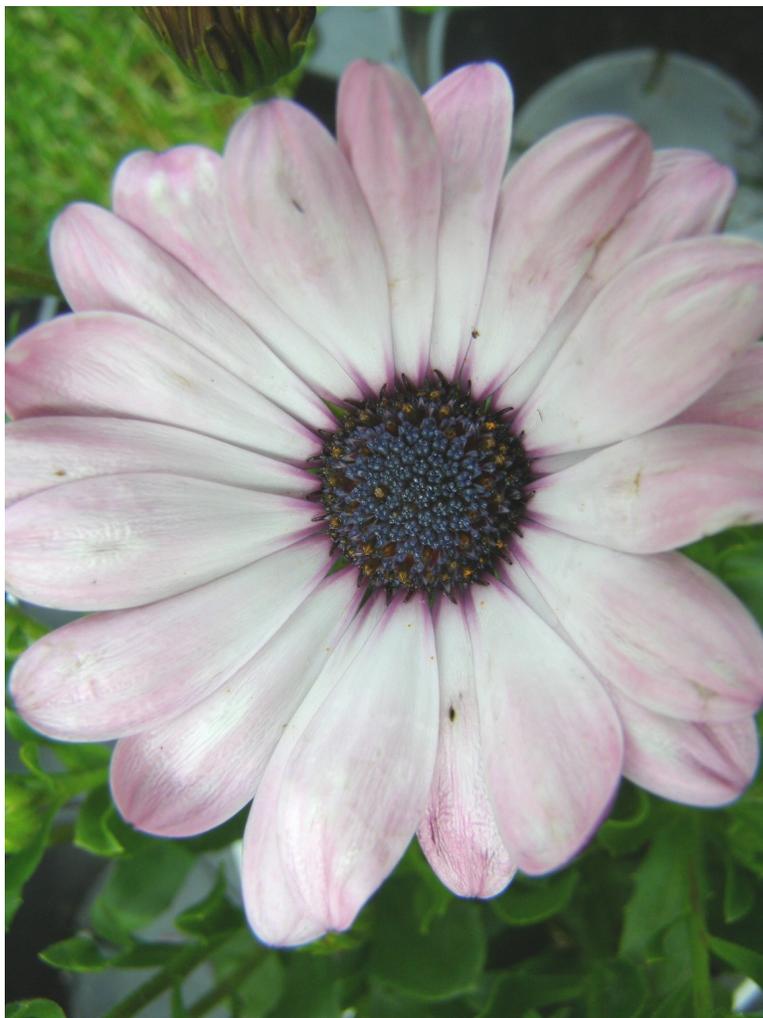
These online listings are updated year round and applications can be submitted at any time. Applications can be found on the Department of Agriculture's website at www.CTGrown.gov (click on Publications then the [Commodity Brochures](#) link at the end of the second paragraph).

For more information, contact Linda Piotrowicz at 860-713-2558 or Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov.

MARKETING BUREAU STILL STRONG (continued from Page 1)

Our Farmland Preservation unit recently received approval from the State Bond Commission for an additional \$5 million towards the purchase of development rights to more farms.

As you can see, we are not reducing our services and will continue to serve you and Connecticut Grown agriculture. Please feel free to contact us with any questions and go to www.CTGrown.gov to check out all our programs.



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